2. The terms of Reference of the Working Group are:

(a) To work out the pattern of Share Capital of the Company: optima capital to the paid up initially so as to make the Company functional.

(b) To lay down the eligibility criteria for participation in the Share Capital of the Company.

(c) To set out the activities which will be undertaken by the Company.

(d) To recommend broad policy with regard to direct lending, refinance and credit enhancement.

(e) To suggest modalities for raising long-term funds by the Company.

(f) To suggest organisational structure for the Company.

(g) Any other matter relating to the setting up and functioning of IDFC.

3. The Working Group will submit its report by september 15, 1996.

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C. RANGARAJAN
GOVERNOR

**Shortage of Coins in the Country**

3529. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of 25 paise, 50 paise and one rupee coins across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the RBI had already alerted Government about the coin shortage; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to tackle the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (P. CHIDAMBARAM):** (a) to (c) Coins of different denomination (Rs.5, 2, 1, 50p, 25p, 10p, and 5p) are manufactured in the India Government Mints under the administrative control of this Ministry. The coins are produced keeping in view the demand of the RBI and production capacity of the mints. The temporary shortage of coins is due to the decision of the Government to completely coinise Rs. 5, 2 and 1 and consequently increasing demand for coins in the said denominations. The decision to coinise completely Rs. 5, 2 and 1 has been taken in order to increase production of higher denominations of notes, by releasing capacity in the Note Printing Presses. Smaller denomination notes are also subjected to more frequent handling. In the case of notes this leads to much shorter life span. Coinising will lead to a much longer life for these denominations. RBI has also confirmed that there is no dearth of Rs. 5 coins which are being issued frealy by the bank officers. However, there was a temporary set back in the supplies of other denomination coins (Rs. 2, 1 and 50p) from the Mints, which has now improved. The Government has already taken steps to increase the availability of coins by modernising three Mints at Mumbai, Calcutta and Hyderabad thus increasing their capacity to produce more coins in the near future.

**Air India's unsuccessful efforts product development**

3530. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has not been successful in its product development due to the failure of persons responsible for development of good